

Ketchikan, Alaska
Jan. 8, 1942

Dr. E.B. King
156 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Everett,

The blueprints for the Saxman chapel have arrived and I'm sure pleased with the prospects of having such a nice little building there.

Charlie Brown is an elder in this church. Recently he has been very co-operative in everything we have done and so I was pleased to see his name in your letter. But I was a little doubtful too as he is building a boatshop and has an order for a large boat as soon as he can finish it. I went to Saxman to see him today. If his tools and machinery for the boatshop can ever find space on a ship from Seattle, he will be tied up until next fall, when fishing season is over. However if they do not come through in the next few weeks he will have to let the boat order go by and will be free to work on the chapel. He is anxious to see the building there as his new shop is in Saxman, and he plans to live there himself in the next year or two.

He suggested that we try to get the people in Metlakatla to donate some of the materials from their mill. They made such an offer when the previous building burned. So I am sending the blueprint to Mr. Swogger and asking his opinion. If he thinks it is advisable, I will be with him when we ask the Metlakatla council for their aid. We will do whatever he thinks best in order to get their aid if possible.

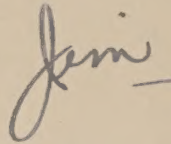
I think that you are familiar with the plan--it calls for the wall timbers to be "12"x18", either rough sawn or adzed. Charlie says that it would be 50% cheaper to buy timbers of this size rather than to try and get the logs and then hew them down to size. The sawn timbers may be adzed on the face to give a rustic appearance. And it is possible that the mill at Metlakatla can donate a large portion of these timbers. Accordingly before he attempts to estimate any cost, it would be best to see what the Metlakatla people will do to help, and whether he will be able to work on the church this spring or not.

Another factor in the in the cost will be the rising freight cost. The steamship Companys have just announced a 45% general raise in freight rates, and prices are rising accordingly.

At present then, this seems to be all we can do. I think that a letter from you to the Metlakatla Council, perhaps through Mr. Swogger, would help; However expect your judgment there is better than mine.

We had an enjoyable Christmas and hope you did too. Ruth joins me in offering our best wishes to the Kings for a happy and blessed new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

January 13, 1942

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. James W. Hall
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for the information that you have given me about the prospects for the Saxman Chapel. I shall leave all of the detailed arrangements in your hands and will expect you to give me a definite estimate of the cost before any construction is started.

It might be wise for me to write the Metlakatla Council a letter but since you are there on the field and since Swogger has the influence that he does have, I think you two can handle it just as well. If you find a necessity for a letter from me, let me know and I shall be glad to send it.

Cordially yours,

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• HOSPITAL • RESERVE •

PROPOSED CHURCH
LOT LOCATION

TOTEM
PARK

• EVERGREEN • AVE •

• "B" STREET •

• "C" STREET •

• TOTEM LANE •

• TOTEM LANE •

• TONGASS • AVE •

PROPOSED
• SUB DIVISION • EXTENSION •
• SAXMAN •
• ALASKA •

• SHOWING LOCATION OF HOSPITAL RESERVE,
• TOTEM DEVELOPMENTS & PROPOSE CHURCH
BUILDING SITE •

SCALE 1" = 60'-0"

